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**DDI Request for Memo on Chinese AvGas Situation**

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1. [ ] called today to report the DDI's surprise to see in the NIC draft Watch Report the first reference to domestic production of aviation gasoline in China. Mr. Cline was also surprised that the information has been available for two months, according to the NIC draft. I explained to [ ] that ORR was not in agreement with the substance of the NIC draft and that we were attempting to have it eliminated from the Watch Report. I explained the R/FP position on avgas, cited the likelihood of blending operations, mentioned the import of avgas from Rumania and France, and stressed that jet fuel was far more important than avgas in any event.

2. [ ] expressed interest in these details and said that the DD/I wanted a memo on the subject which would include all the above details as well as a statement on the possible implications for the supply of aviation fuel to North Vietnam. This memo is wanted by tomorrow, 8 July.

3. In summary, the memo should contain information on of avgas, blending of avgas, production of jet fuel, imports of aviation fuel, requirements of the Chinese for aviation fuel, and possible implications for supply of the North Vietnamese. We might also suggest that reference be made to the fact that this is not the first reference to the Chinese aviation fuel situation, that ORR publications have previously dealt with this subject in some detail.

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